

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 4, 2003

FROM: MICHAEL A. RAMOS
District Attorney

SUBJECT: APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING (OCJP) TO FUND ENHANCEMENT OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ELDER ABUSE VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the application to the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning in the amount of \$205,000 to fund enhancement of the San Bernardino County Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Program.
2. Adopt resolution that approves the grant application and authorizes the District Attorney to sign and submit the application on behalf of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Office of Criminal Justice Planning has provided instructions for a competitive Request For Proposal (RFP) to fund the Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Program (EAVP).

The purpose of the EAVP Program is to enhance or create specialized units to handle serious crimes against elderly and dependent adults, as defined in the California Elder Abuse Statute, Penal Code Section 368 and related statutes. The EAVP emphasizes the vertical prosecution of all cases of elder and dependent adult victimization.

The grant commences on April 1, 2003 and ends on March 31, 2004. The grant will enhance the existing local cost funded Elder Abuse Prosecution model currently in place in the District Attorney's office by adding a West End unit to concentrate efforts in that area. Current staffing consists of a Deputy District Attorney, DA Investigator and a Secretary in the high desert region and a Deputy District Attorney, DA Investigator and Secretary in the San Bernardino region. The grant, if awarded, will fund an additional Deputy District Attorney and one DA Investigator in the west end region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The grant, if awarded, will be \$205,000 for one year to fund one (1) Deputy District Attorney and one (1) DA Investigator. There is no cash match requirement and there will be no local county cost associated with this grant application. Local cost funding for the existing program is approximately \$400,000.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This application has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Administrative Analyst Mario Lara) on February 24, 2002 and the Office of County Counsel (Deputy County Counsel Scott Runyan) on February 20, 2002.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 2nd and 4th Districts

PRESENTER: James B. Hackleman, Assistant District Attorney 387-6601

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